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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management its report containing the contributions of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda, which will be made available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the operation and achievements of the regional committees and thematic groups.

Summary of the report

The report provides information on the contributions and achievements of the following eight regional committees and thematic groups: Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific; Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas; Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa; Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Europe; Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Arab States; Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies; United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Academic Network; and United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Private Sector Network.

The reports of the regional committees and thematic groups contain information on their activities and achievements since the sixth session of the Committee of Experts, held in New York from 3 to 5 August 2016, inclusive of the regional meetings and workshops held during the intersessional period. The reports

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also provide an overview of the work of the regional committees, including their working and thematic groups, in the following areas: (a) sustainable development; (b) land administration and management; (c) disaster risk reduction; (d) fundamental geospatial data themes; (e) integration of statistical and geospatial information; (f) legal and policy frameworks; (g) regional and international collaboration and capacity development, including the Americas Caribbean Project and Asia-Pacific Geodetic Capacity-Building project of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management; (h) global geodetic reference frame; (i) priority issues and challenges; and (j) future plans and events.